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SUBJECT: CREATION OF NEW FEDERAL COUNCILS

1. FEDERAL CHAMBER OF YUGOSLAV ASSEMBLY HAS APPROVED DRAFT LAW ESTABLISHING FOUR FEDERAL COUNCILS REPORTS 11 DEC POLITIKA. MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCILS FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, PROTECTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM, SOCIAL SYSTEM, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY, WILL BE DRAWN FROM FEDERAL, REPUBLICAN AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ORGANS, LC, SOCIALIST ALLIANCE, AND "SELF-MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATIONS OF ASSOCIATED LABOR", EXCAT COMPOSITION OF COUNCILS IS NOT YET CLEAR. COUNCILS ARE INTENDED TO FUNCTION AS ORGANS OF COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION AMONG ABOVE BODIES IN LATTER'S DECISION-MAKING ON "MAIN QUESTIONS OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT", INDICATED ANTON VRATUSA IN REMARKS TO ASSEMBLY QUOTED IN POLITIKA. COUNCILS WILL NOT BE EMPOWERED TO MAKE DECISIONS THEMSELVES, VRATUSA SAID. THEY WILL BE ABLE TO CONSIDER AND TAKE STANDS ON ISSUES BUT "ORGANS WHICH ARE EMPOWERED TO MAKE DECISIONS WILL HAVE RIGHT TO DECIDE WHETHER TO ACCEPT STAND OF COUNCILS. IF NOT, THEY WILL BE BOUND TO INFORM COMPETENT COUNCIL AND GIVE THEIR REASONS. BUT THIS WILL NOT DELAY WORK ON MAKING DECISIONS."

2. COMMENT: VRATUSA'S DESCRIPTION AND POLITIKA COMMENTARY EMPHASIZE THAT COUNCILS ARE INTENDED TO SERVE ADVISORY-COORDINATION FUNCTION AMONG VARIOUS OFFICIAL BODIES, BUT NOT TO ACQUIRE ANY ACTUAL DECISION-MAKING POWER OF THEIR OWN. THUS FULL EVALUATION OF PRACTICAL POWER AND POSITION OF COUNCILS WILL HAVE TO AWAIT
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ANNOUNCEMENT ON MEMBERSHIP. THAT THEY WILL PROBABLY BE

INFLUENTIAL IS INDICATED BY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE
YUGOSLAV DCM IN WASHINGTON, WHO SAID THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL
WOULD BE HEADED BY EDVARD KARDELJ, AND WOULD INCLUDE FOREIGN
AFFAIRS SECRETARY MILOS MINIC AND OTHER LEADING FIGURES FROM
VARIOUS REPUBLICS CONCERNED WITH FOREIGN POLICY
AMONG ITS MEMBERSHIP. CROATIAN STATE
PRESIDENCY MEMBER VLADIMIR BAKARIC WAS INDICATED
AS THE HEAD OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CONSITUTION.
KARDELJ AND BAKARIC ARE PROBABLY THE TWO MOST INFLUENTIAL
PEOPLE IN YUGOSLAVIA AFTER TITO.
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